

**RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE**

Bible Class	25
Attendance AM	73
Attendance PM	30
Wednesday PM	28

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Prayer for Health:** Jamie Vance (COVID); Layne Vance; Katherine Willis and Phil Tydings (recovering from surgery); Samuel Jones (husband of Dollie Jones); Rachael Blanks; Linda Thomas (broken wrist); Robbins (COVID quarantine); C.D. Arnett; Otis and Glenna Adair; Clifford Holt; Richard & Florine Thomas; Jim Thomas; Debbie Rowland; Carlene Harley; Steven Crane (hip); Mike Mamula (COVID);  
**Traveling:** Norris Cole, II;  
**Prayers:**  
**Repentance:**  
**Baptism:**  
**Sympathy:**  
**Birthdays: January** — 5 Lisa Owens 16 Valerie Melson 31 Krystal Thomas  
**Anniversaries: January** — 2 Timothy & Melody Angus  
**Ladies Reading Group:**  
**Potter Children's Home:**

January 09	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
<b>Announcements</b>	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
<b>Song Leader</b>	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
<b>Lead Lord's Supper</b>	Frank Brock	Frank Brock
<b>Server 1</b>	Jerry Thomas	Jerry Thomas
<b>Server 2</b>	Mike Mamula	Mike Mamula
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Denzil Turner, III	Patrick Thomas
<b>Sermon</b>	Walter Tolley	Walter Tolley
<b>Prayer for Responses</b>	Elders / Preacher	Elders / Preacher
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
<b>Greeter</b>		
<b>Usher</b>	Richard Melson, Jr.	Richard Melson, Jr.
<b>Usher</b>		

**A.S.A.P. = Always Say A Prayer**

**"Pray without ceasing"**  
**1 Thessalonians 5:17**

**TO OUR VISITORS**

Our goal in the church of Christ is to be the New Testament church, which you can read about in the Bible. We invite you to observe our worship assemblies, the doctrine that is taught and the structure of the church organization. Make a close comparison with your "church" and the church of the Bible -- **The Church of Christ**. We also invite you to join us as we strive to be the church of the Bible and restore New Testament Christianity.

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**Meeting Location:**  
 2211 Needmore Rd  
 Dayton, OH 45414

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday**  
 Bible Study 9:30  
 Worship 10:30 A.M.  
 5:00 P.M.

1st Sunday No 5:00 PM

**Wednesday**  
 Bible Study  
 7:00 P.M.

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**Ministers**  
 All Members

- Supporting**
- Christian Courier
  - Southwest School of Bible Studies: Austin, TX
  - Memphis School of Preaching
  - Greater Midwest Lectureship
  - Potter Children's Home
  - Midwest School of Preaching
  - Central Carolina School of Preaching

## WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE GO TO YOUR CHURCH?

Brent Missildine & Richard D. Melson

Some might ask this question as they consider attending our worship services. While the question of course is incorrect, in that neither you nor I have a "church", it is the Lord's (Eph. 1:22-23). The reason they pose this question is because it is natural to enjoy being around people like yourself, so some look for a congregation filled with folks much like themselves.

Some organizations are designed to include people who are alike, with similar backgrounds, abilities, education levels, or wealth. The Lord's church is not designed with these things in mind. Jesus came to break down the barriers that divide people in society and to bring us together in Him. Paul said, "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:27-28). We also find, "He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation" (Ephesians 2:14).

When you visit, you will meet some people like you-and some who are not just like you. On any given Sunday, you may find people of many ethnicities and those of other backgrounds.

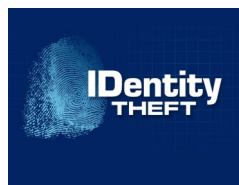
You will find some who are financially prosperous and some who do not have much money. You will find some who did not finish high school and some with advanced degrees. You will find old people and young people. You will find people with white collar jobs and blue-collar jobs. You may find people who are originally from all parts of the nation. Some have outgoing personalities, and some are quiet. We have many varying likes and dislikes and different strengths and weaknesses. We realize that we still have a long way to go in learning to love all. We are imperfect but we know that God wants us to grow in love.

What is it that holds such a diverse group together? It is a common faith in Jesus Christ and a common respect for the authority of His Word. Having obeyed the same gospel we are now a part of God's family. God created us physically different from each other, but we all want to be like Jesus. We realize that we are saved by the blood He shed on the cross, and we have a common destiny of eternal life with Christ in heaven when we are in the united with Him in baptism (Rom. 6:1-4).

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# Words of Wisdom For Youth ... 1 Timothy 4:12

## Identity Theft



One of those new fears of the day is identity theft. Keeping a close check on your credit report and your credit card charges are certainly prudent. Those who are trying to steal from us are becoming more and more devious. For a while, I was receiving almost daily emails from eBay saying that unless I updated my account immediately, it would be closed. These emails, were “phishing” emails—I have never had an eBay account. Someone was just trying to get my credit card information. (Obviously they didn’t know that a preacher’s credit cards are not worth much!)

The Federal Trade Commission estimated that about 10 million people are victimized annually by the identity thieves. In April of 2006 the federal Bureau of Justice Statistics reported that at least one member of 3 percent of all U.S. households was an identity theft victim in the last half of 2004. If you haven’t been hit, you probably know someone who has been hit (although they may not even know it yet).

As Christians, are we in danger of having our identity stolen? Churches of Christ have long been known for our distinctiveness in worship and practice, as we well should be. As “the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15), we dare not stray from a “thus saith the Lord.”

It seems to me that if we are not careful, though, some will steal the most distinctive sign the Lord has given us. Jesus said, “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another” (John 13:34-35).

What is the first thought that comes to mind when people speak of the Needmore Road church of Christ? Is it, “Those are the people who love each other so much”?

Let us work to be sure that no one steals our identity away from us!

- Adapted from Bob Pritchard

## Brother or sister, please don't turn!

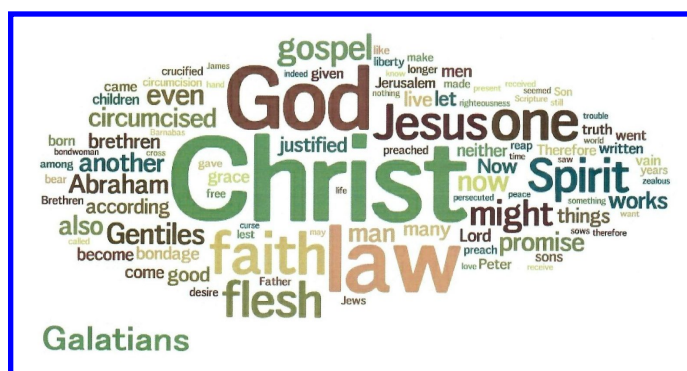


Sometimes our faith weakens. Sometimes our trust wavers. Sometimes our confidence wanes. Sometimes our priorities shift. Sometimes our devotion fades. Sometimes our desires change. And, when that happens, sometimes we fall from where we need to be. We may even “turn.”

God was the one who used the word “turn” to describe the action that a mind/heart takes, which is followed by the body/life. While one may “turn TO” God (Acts 26:20; 1 Thess. 1:9), he can also “turn AWAY” or “turn FROM” God (1 Tim. 5:15; 2 Pet. 2:21). This is not merely a matter of turning from the church or “from the truth” (Tit. 1:14), but turning away “from Him who called you in the grace of Christ” (Gal. 1:6).

Brother or sister, our loving Father “called you in the grace of Christ.” The grace of Christ led Him to give “Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age” (1:4). Please, please don’t turn from Him! And if you are on that verge, please turn back! You are loved! !

David Sproule  
Thought for the Day



## Melson's Musings ...



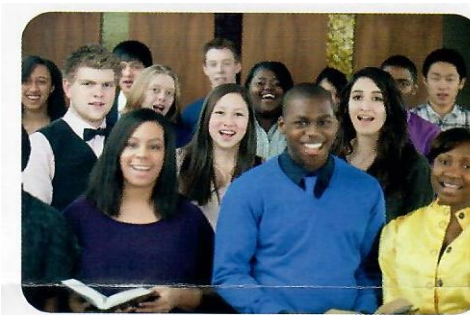
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We sing a song that describes unity in these words:

*A common love for each other,  
A common gift to the Savior.  
A common bond holding us to the Lord,  
A common strength when we're weary.  
A common hope for tomorrow,  
A common joy in the truth of God's Word.*

[www.rjstevensmusic.com/product/a-common-love/](http://www.rjstevensmusic.com/product/a-common-love/)

- Adapted from Housetoohouse.com Vol. 25 Num.12



## Exciting Changes at Needmore Road

You may now bring in your gently used clothes for the clothing pantry. These should be washed before delivery. Please no used under garments (only new).

Thanks sister Willis and Melson

The committee for the Food Pantry asks that we hold off bringing in food items until they have finished the preparatory work. Once this is done, we will be notified each month for the non perishable food item to supply. Thanks for being ready to serve!

## SHEPHERD'S CORNER

We thank those who gave additional funds so that we were able to send financial support to two congregations in Kentucky who are coordinating tornado relief efforts: Mayfield area—Lebanon congregation (\$1175) and in Bowling Green to Lehman Ave (\$1075). We will continue to assess the needs to determine how to best respond in the future.

The Elders are meeting to create a 2022 plan of work. We will need to work with committee heads before the plan can be presented to the congregation. Your patience, prayers and understanding is sought.

The Elders are currently meeting each Monday morning at 9:00 AM, we anticipate that this will change to a monthly meeting at some time in future.

If you have made changes in your physical address, phone number or email address, please provide this information to the office via Dollie Jones and to Diane Cole (Norris) for the digital church directory.

— The Elders



Listen every Sunday morning to the weekly radio program: **Landmarks for Living**. It broadcasts on **98.7 FM**, or at **www.soulofdayton.com** each Sunday morning at 8:00—8:30 AM. Plan to listen in if possible.

## NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: [www.wvbs.org](http://www.wvbs.org) ; [www.apologeticspress.org](http://www.apologeticspress.org) ; [www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org); <http://gbntv.org/>; <http://kibbystreetcoc.org/index.php/let> (Let The Bible Speak); <https://fun1071.fm>; soulofdayton.com (8:00 AM)
- View In Search of the Lord's Way— Dish network Sunday 7:00 am Channel 239; DirecTV Channel 307; GBN 7 PM
- Check out Tullstar Archives at <http://media.Tullstar.org> for lessons from faithful brethren.

## GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN'S SALVATION

“Sirs, What must I do to be saved?” Acts 16:30

- ♦ The Gospel Must Be Heard - John 6:44-45; Romans 10:17; John 8:32
- ♦ The Gospel Must Be Believed—John 8:24; Mark 16:16
- ♦ Sins Must Be Repented of — Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38
- ♦ Christ Must Be Confessed—Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37
- ♦ There Must Be Baptism (Immersion) for Remission (forgiveness) of Sins—Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21
- ♦ Christian Growth and Faithfulness—1 Peter 2:2; Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 3:18